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CITY OFFICIALS MAY HOLD OVER

Attorney General West Says Election Law Passed by Oklahoma's First Legislature Does Not Apply to Cities.

According to an opinion recently rendered by Attorney General Charles West, the primary or general election law, enacted by the first legislature of Oklahoma does not apply to special city elections or to the regular spring election in April and the league of municipalities recently organized by the different city officials of the larger cities has been notified that a bill probably would be passed covering this subject before the legislature adjourns and that it was the intention to have city elections held during the fall instead of the spring. In case this feature is embodied in the bill and the measure becomes a law, in all probability the present officials in all cities of the first class will hold over until next fall.

In case such a law is enacted by the present legislature, it will effect Vinita, this municipality being among the cities of the state coming under the head of "first class." Last spring men holding office in all cities of the first class in Oklahoma were kept on needles and pins for two or three months, not knowing whether they were going to hold over for another year or not, and dedications now point to the same condition of affairs this year.

WHEAT IS SELLING AT ONE DOLLAR

Oklahoma Farmers Who Have Been Holding Last Year's Crop Will Reap Rich Reward.

Okeene, Okla., Feb. 16.—The first \$1 wheat in Oklahoma this season, although the price has been good all year, was received here yesterday, when the Okeene Milling company announced that it would pay \$1 for all wheat it could get from now on.

A large number of the farmers in this section have been holding their wheat from last year. Their condition is such that they did not have to sell until they could get the price they wanted. There is lots of wheat in the country here that has been laying in the granary. It probably will all be moved to market now.

STOP MARITAL SPECULATION AMONG INDIAN MINORS

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 17.—Matrimonial speculation in oil and gas lands belonging to Indian minors was prohibited by the state legislature when the house passed today the Russell Keys senate bill forbidding men under 21 and women under 18 to dispose of property acquired prior to their marriage. In the Indian territory part of the state ambitious speculators have been gaining the consent of parents to marry minor girls owning valuable oil and gas lands in order that the lands might be alienated and sold. Occasionally designed women have been wedded to the minor sons of Indian families.

NOTED INDIAN CHIEF, GERONIMO, IS DEAD

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 17.—Geronimo, the noted Indian chief, died at the Fort Sill hospital this morning. His death was due to pneumonia. He had been a prisoner of war twenty-six years.

Geronimo was chief of the Apaches. He was captured with his band at Skeleton Canyon, Arizona, twenty-three years ago, having surrendered to General Nelson Miles, who, with his soldiers, pursued the wily chief.

M'ALESTER TO HAVE NEW DEMOCRATIC DAILY PAPER

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 18.—Announcement is made here that a new daily newspaper of the union pure democratic faith is soon to be launched at McAlester. A corporation with \$10,000 is to take over the Union Herald, a weekly paper. Editor R. O. Jagers of the Herald, is to be business manager of the new daily paper. Since the consolidation of the Capital and News, McAlester has been without a democratic daily. Some of the best known party leaders and business men in McAlester are behind the new venture.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN WEATHER CONDITIONS

By Associated Press.
Kansas City Mo., Feb. 16.—Clearing weather with falling temperature prevailed in the southwest today. Telegraph and telephone service is slowly being restored, while the railroad service is greatly improved. In the lake region the storm is moving slowly eastward is the present outlook.

297,075 ENROLLED IN STATE'S SCHOOLS

Superintendent Cameron's Report Shows Eastern Oklahoma Has Made Rapid Strides.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 17.—In the seventy-five counties of Oklahoma in the year past, there were 458,481 white children enumerated in the report of State Superintendent Cameron. These children were between the ages of six and twenty-one. There were 38,739 colored school children. The aggregate enrollment in public schools was 297,075.

Of what was formerly Indian Territory, where there were no district schools prior to Mr. Cameron's administration, 41 counties reported 2,300 school districts with a total school population of 249,631. Old Oklahoma Territory reported 3,441 school districts with a total school population of 249,308. The average number of districts to each county is a little over 75.

Perhaps no department in the state administration has had to deal with as many individuals and cover as much ground in a brief period as has the state superintendent of schools. The report on Indian Territory is, therefore, almost astonishing.

MISS BARNARD RETURNS TO HER DUTIES AT GUTHRIE

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 17.—Leaving a sanatorium at Claremore, where she has been ill for several days, Miss Kate Barnard, state commissioner of charities, arrived at Guthrie yesterday to appeal to the legislature to establish penal institutions in conformity with her previous recommendations.

Miss Barnard advocates the establishment of a penitentiary, an adult reformatory for convicts between the ages of 16 and 25 or 28 as the legislature sees fit; a boy's industrial school for boys under the age of 16 years, and a girl's industrial school. She protests against combining the reformatory with the industrial school for boys, as well as confining first offenders of tender age with old hardened criminals in the penitentiary.

W. T. CARR GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

By Associated Press.
Marion, Kans., Feb. 17.—W. T. Carr, aged thirty, was today found guilty of murder in the second degree. He was charged with killing O. A. Bailey, an express messenger. The murder was committed in a Santa Fe railroad express car between Marion and Newton, in 1907. Carr was a friend of Bailey, and the state set up a plea that he entered Bailey's car, attacked the messenger with a hatchet and murdered him for the purpose of robbery. The first trial resulted in a hung jury.

SIXTY PERSIAN VILLAGES DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE

By Associated Press.
Teheran, Persia, Feb. 17.—News was received here today showing that the violent earthquake recorded January 23, at almost every seismograph station in the world, had its location in the province of Luristan, in Western Persia. Sixty villages were wholly or partially destroyed. The loss of life is placed at between five and six thousand.

EARTHQUAKES CONTINUE TO DISTURB ASIATIC TURKEY.

By Associated Press.
Constantinople, Feb. 16.—A number of houses and government buildings at Silvas in Asiatic Turkey collapsed today resulting from an earthquake. Thirty are reported killed and others injured. The shock was also felt in other districts. The inhabitants have fled the country.

"NOT HOW MUCH BUT HOW GOOD"

Only Necessary And Corrective Measures Are Being Considered by The Oklahoma Legislature.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 17.—The Eggerman bill providing for a joint home for confederate and union veterans, which passed the senate several days ago, is perhaps dead. Recently the Oklahoma Confederate organization in session declared against the bill and announced its determination to build a home for ex-confederates by popular subscription as first contemplated. Senator Eggerman said today that this would likely cause his bill to die in committee.

Representative Marrick, a minority member from Muskogee, has introduced a bill in the house locating the "Northwestern Normal" at Muskogee. The measure carries an appropriation of \$100,000.

The house committee has reported favorably on the Bryan Pure Food bill.

A bill by Representative Simmons authorizes the board of county commissioners of Tulsa county to buy the wagon toll bridge across the Arkansas river and the toll bridge across Bird creek in Tulsa county.

Senator Yeager, who narrowly escaped death at the time when Senator Geo. B. Johnson was over come by gas, is fast recovering and will likely resume his seat next week.

The senate committee has favorably reported the Redwine bill reducing the tax on gross production of coal mines from two per cent to one-half of one per cent.

That there will be an elaborate good roads bill passed is evident. Many measures have been presented. A special committee means of improving public thoroughfares.

"Not how much, but how good," seems to be the policy of the second legislature. The defeat of unnecessary bills, the elimination of the emergency sections, and the swift death dealt measures, as they appear, has distinguished the work of the two bodies thus far. Necessary and corrective legislation alone is being considered.

NEED OF PRISON IS BEING URGED

Prison Board Calls Attention to Fact Oklahoma Has 1,000 Convicts And No Home.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 18.—The state board of prison control met today and adopted a resolution which will be transmitted to the legislature, calling attention to the fact that Oklahoma now has nearly 1,000 convicts, many of them desperate men, with no adequate or safe place in which to house them. The resolution makes no recommendation except to transmit the recommendations of R. W. Dick, superintendent of the Oklahoma prison, and asks the legislature to give them due consideration.

J. P. Connors, president of the board of control, favoring a strong resolution requesting the legislature to make an appropriation, according to Dick's recommendation, of appropriating \$300,000 to be used in constructing a modern prison building. Attorney General West, however, who is a member of the board opposed the prison board making any definite recommendations.

SIX KILLED IN WRECK OF PASSENGER TRAIN

By Associated Press.
Murphysboro, Ind., Feb. 16.—Southern Illinois Central passenger train from St. Louis to New Orleans was wrecked six miles east of here today. Six persons are reported killed and thirty injured. Owing to broken telegraph lines details are lacking.

HASKELL-MC REYNOLDS CASE IS AGAIN POSTPONED.

By Associated Press.
Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 15.—Owing to the serious illness of the state's attorney, Hepburn, Judge Strang today again postponed his decision in the Haskell McReynolds seizure case until March 1.

FIRST NATIONAL TARIFF COMMISSION CONVENES.

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 14.—The first national tariff commission convention, whose delegates hope to point the way for the establishment of a permanent tariff commission, assembled here today. J. W. Van Cleave, of St. Louis was chosen president.

3 AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS LOCATED

Legislature Appropriates \$147,000 for Their Equipment and Maintenance Until June 30, 1911.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 17.—The establishment of three more district agricultural schools in the state is made certain by the final passage in the house yesterday of the Billups bill, already passed by the senate (appropriating \$147,000 for this purpose).

These schools are to be established in the Third, Fourth and Fifth supreme court judicial districts under the direction of the board of agriculture, the locations to be chosen by the board.

Of the amount appropriated \$50,000 is to be used for buildings and equipment and \$87,000 for maintenance for the biennium ending June 30, 1911. The amount appropriated for the maintenance of each school is \$29,000.

The house concurred in the senate amendments to the Boyle bill prohibiting the payment of wages in scrip and the bill is ready for the governor.

Governor Haskell today approved the Dunn bill appropriating \$80,000 for the use of the prison board of control in paying the expenses of transporting Oklahoma prisoners from Kansas to Oklahoma and for the payment of the debt to Kansas for the care of Oklahoma prisoners. The bill carries the emergency clause and is now a law.

Another attempt to bring up the bill locating the girls' industrial school at Chickasha for third reading and final passage in the house failed today after some strategic work by friends of Ardmore and other towns which were candidates for the institution, the bill being sidetracked for senate business.

After a debate bristling with personal remarks, the senate in committee of the whole today passed to third reading the White bill from the house, giving attorneys a lien on causes of action to secure their fees.

The senate indefinitely postponed Durant's bill for the regulation of veterinary surgeons, which met the same fate in the senate last year.

The senate concurred in the house amendments to the Billups bill making appropriations for three new district agricultural schools.

Senator Redwine's bill cutting the gross production tax on coal from 2 per cent to half of 1 per cent, was reported favorably by the committee on public service corporations.

ROOSEVELT MAY BE SUBPOENAED

Muskogee Land Fraud Defendants Will Attempt to Show Political Plot.

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 18.—It is announced here that an effort will be made to have President Roosevelt subpoenaed when the case of Governor C. N. Haskell and seven Muskogee citizens indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government comes up for trial.

The defendants will try to show that President Roosevelt knew of the condition of the Muskogee town lots two years ago when he received the report of Special Examiner Dudley Foulke of Indiana, but that no action was taken until after the president and Haskell had engaged in political controversy.

In this way the defendants, it is said, hope to establish a political plot.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGISTS MUST WAIT TWO YEARS

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 18.—Women's suffrage legislation is out of the question in Oklahoma for two years. The senate today by a vote of 21 to 15 sustained the unfavorable report of the committee on Senator Yeager's bill granting suffrage to both sexes.

KEG OF POWDER EXPLODES KILLING THREE PERSONS

By Associated Press.
Stu. eville, O., Feb. 18.—Three persons were burned to death and four were fatally injured today by the explosion of a keg of powder in a coal miner's home near Coler, West Virginia.

MRS. Wm. J. LEMP, JR., GIVEN DIVORCE AND ALIMONY.

By Associated Press.
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 18.—A decree of divorce with alimony amounting to \$6,000 a year and the custody of her child, was awarded to Mrs. William J. Lemp, Jr., by Judge Ritchey in the circuit court here today.

TAFT TOOK BREAKFAST AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 16.—President-Elect Taft arrived this morning and had breakfast with President Roosevelt at the White House.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS TO REVISE TARIFF

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—An extra session of congress for the revision of the tariff will be convened on March 15. The date was definitely settled today and President-Elect Taft authorized the announcement.

ASK BIG DAMAGES FOR FALSE ARREST

Sheriff Ramsey of Muskogee County, Made Defendant in Two Actions Charging "Persecution."

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 18.—Alleging false arrest and imprisonment, Mary West and William Wilson, yesterday filed suit in the district court against Remus B. Ramsey, county sheriff of Muskogee county.

The two petitions both ask damages in the sum of \$15,000, and in the material allegations are virtually the same.

The plaintiffs allege that during February of last year, Joe Perry, representing himself to be a deputy in Ramsey's employ, appeared at their homes near the city, and arresting them, brought them to the city, in the night time and lodged them in the county jail.

They remained in the jail two days after which they were taken to Morriston, Arkansas, where upon arraignment, they were discharged.

Mary West recites that at the time of the arrest, and the long night ride, she was in precarious health, and that from the ride, in an open carriage with no protection from the biting wintry air, she sustained grievous injuries to her health. For this injury, and the humiliation and the damage to her reputation, she asks \$15,000 indemnity.

Neither petition recites the purported offense upon which the alleged arrests were made.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TAFT BECOMES A MASON

By Associated Press.
Cincinnati, O., Feb. 18.—President-Elect Taft arrived from Washington today and went direct to the residence of his brother, where he had an appointment with Frank M. Hitchcock. The conference is understood to have been in relation to cabinet appointments. This afternoon Taft was made a mason, and tonight will attend a regular initiation meeting of the K. W. L. Lodge of Masons, of which his father was a member.

OKLAHOMA SENATE IS BUSY WITH APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 17.—The senate is considering the amended deficiency appropriation bill for support of the government for the year ending June 30, 1909. The deficiencies reported by the committee, some of which are undergoing slight amendments, follows:

Governor's office \$16,496.13. Secretary of State, \$13,665.56. State Auditor, \$4,989.56. Attorney General, \$6,940.00. Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$6,654.42. State Examiner and Inspector, \$7,300. Chief Mine Inspector \$2,600. Commissioner of Labor, \$574.50. Insurance Commissioner \$2,342. Supreme Court, \$87.00. Criminal Court of Appeals, \$11,358.00. National Guard, \$1,383.62. State Printer \$73,080.20. State Mining Board, \$1,000. State Board of Health, \$2,693.01. Northwestern Normal, \$3,221.71. Southwestern Normal, \$1,883.65. Ft. Supply Insane Asylum, \$25,069. Care of Insane at Normal Sanitarium, \$88,971.53. School for Blind, \$4,500. School for Deaf, \$10,000. State University, \$25,647.55. House of Representatives, \$2,975.58. Miscellaneous items, \$1,271.

THREE COUNTRIES WOULD CONSERVE RESOURCES

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—With a view of conserving the natural resources of the United States, Canada and Mexico, representatives from these governments gathered today in the North American conservation conference. The delegates were received at the White House by the president.

GOVERNOR C. N. HASKELL SCORES IN LEGAL BATTLE

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 18.—United States Judge Reed, sitting for Judge Cottrell in the United States court, today dismissed the demurrer to Governor Haskell's amended answer to the original petition in the suit brought by Cornelius Loder of New York for a judgment against Haskell for \$40,000 on a note given to the Illinois Steel Co.

Time was given the plaintiffs to file a motion to strike out a portion of the amended answer to which they demurred.

WESTERN FARMERS ORGANIZE A UNION

Purpose is to Eliminate the Middle Man And Get Into Closer Touch With the Consumer.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 16.—Ten thousand ranchers in Washington, Idaho and Oregon, controlling an output of more than 30,000,000 bushels of grain, formed a combination to market their products direct through a commission at an executive meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union in Spokane. The purpose is to eliminate the middleman and get into closer touch with the consumer. It was also decided to establish warehouses in the various grain-growing centers in these three states.

L. C. Crowe, president of the organization, said that the combination is not for the purpose of injuring any legitimate business, but rather to prevent manipulators of the markets deducting from the commercial channels several millions of dollars annually to their own pockets. It is believed the union can handle its grain cheaper and keep the selling price higher than private individuals. The fight is against wheat pits and exchanges and bucket shops, which he said, have sapped the profits from the farmers' fields until the open market and free exchange no longer obtain.

Other resolutions adopted at the public sessions, which were attended by 700 farmers are for the repeal on the duty on Jude and grain sacks and coal and lumber imported into the United States; favoring the establishment of the parcels post, also postal savings banks without any limit to the amount of deposits, demanding the repeal of the present tax law and asking that all property be equally taxed, with no exception to credits and notes. The union also placed itself on record in favor of the local option bill, now before the senate at Olympia, which provides for a county unit. Telegrams were sent to the legislature, urging the passage of the measure at the present session.

GIRLS LEAP FROM FACTORY WINDOWS

Three Hundred and Twenty Five Employees Escape From Burning Manufacturing Plant.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 18.—Many panic stricken girls leaped from the first floor windows and firemen rescued many others when a fire attacked the plant of the Klein Manufacturing company here today.

All of the three hundred and twenty-five employees escaped.

The property loss is estimated at three hundred thousand dollars. The origin of the fire is unknown.

PENNSYLVANIA BANKER IS CONVICTED OF BRIBERY

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—W. W. Ramsey, former president of the German National bank, was today found guilty in connection with graft exposures. Ramsey was accused of bribing Congressman John F. Klien by giving him seventeen thousand five hundred dollars for which Klien was to secure the passage of an ordinance making Ramsey's bank the depository for the city funds.

CORPORATION COMMISSION SEEKS TO AID ROAD MAKING

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 18.—In an effort to cheapen the cost of corrugated steel culverts now so generally used in road construction, by reducing the freight rates on that class of stuff, the Oklahoma corporation commission has been hearing evidence and arguments the past week. Several of the railroads have their general attorneys in Guthrie combating the proposed action.

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